Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The qualifications required are those prescribed in Article 289 of *the Land Revenue Manual*, Standing Order No. 4 and the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th August 1923, C. No. 246/98, Revenue Department, referred to in the answer to question No. 88, Vrischigam meeting of the legislative session of 1101.

63. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—How many appointments have been made in pursuance of the Diwan's Proceedings R. O. C. No. 246/98 to the effect that in future only men of wealth and influence in the locality should be appointed Village Officers, and what are their names ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A list giving the names of the Parvatiams appointed since the issue of the order referred to is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Appendix I.—Were not all these in service before they were appointed as Parvatiakkarans ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Most of them were.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Who are those who were not in the service ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No. 39. K. M. Krishnan. That is all that I remember now.

President.—All the rest were in service.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Do they satisfy the requirements of Diwan's Proceedings, R. O. C. 246/98 ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, they do.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Do they all belong to the locality in which they are appointed ?

Rao Shaib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, they all belong to the localities in which they are appointed—or to the adjoining localities, though not mathematically within the four boundaries of the particular village. Every care has been taken fn the matter of their appointments.

The promotion of Village Officers.

64. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if promotions of Village Officers are given according to service and qualification or by some other reason ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Subject to the condition that Village Officers should, as far as possible,

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be members of families belonging to their respective villages or side villages, and should be men of means and influence, promotion is made according to seniority and qualifications.

Village Parvatiams having no Survey Training.

65. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.— Will the Government be pleased to stateif there are any Village Parvatiams who have no survey training? If there are, will the Government kindly state why they are kept in the posts ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— Yes. They are kept in the posts because they are efficient. They were recruited at the time of the introduction of the general Settlement, and it is not yet time to retire them under the rules.

The posting of certain Parvatiams.

66. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Parvatiams of Mattancheri, Maradu, and Kumbalanghi villages have been posted according to seniority of service ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar. — Appointments of Parvatiams are made on sane, well-defined principles laid down by the Government, and the Parvatiams of the 3 villages have been posted in accordance with those principles. Mere seniority of service is not the only criterion in making these appointments.

Particulars of the Parvatiams in the Trichur Taluk.

67. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) How many Parvatiakkarans are there in the Trichur Taluk in (1) the first grade, (2) the second grade ?

(b) Of these in each grade, how many of them are acting and how many permanent, and of those acting, how long have they been acting, and what are their names?

(c) Is it true that one Mannath Sanku Menon, who was only a permanent Menon and acting as a second grade Parvatiam was made permanent in the first grade, superseding the claims of many in either grade? When was he made permanent in the second grade ? Was he the last in the second grade at the time of his appointment in the first grade?

(d) What was the report of the Revenue Inspector in this matter?

(e) Is Sanku Menon related to Mr. P. Govinda Menon, the Tahsildar of Trichur?

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